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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

MAGISTRATE CASE NO. 10 MJ 1476

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF:

v.

Title 18, U.S.C. §2252(a)(2) – Distribution
of Images of Minors Engaged in Sexually
Explicit Conduct

STEVEN WAYNE BRIDGEMAN,

Title 18, U.S.C. §2252(a)(4)(B) –

Defendant.

Possession of Images of Minors Engaged
in Sexually Explicit Conduct

The undersigned Complainant, being duly sworn, states:

Count 1

On or about September 11, 2006, within the Southern District of California, defendant STEVEN WAYNE BRIDGEMAN did knowingly distribute visual depictions using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, that had been mailed, shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and which contains materials which have been mailed, shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, by any means including by computer, the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and which visual depiction(s) were of such conduct; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2).


Count 2

On or about June 5, 2009, within the Southern District of California, defendant STEVEN WAYNE BRIDGEMAN did knowingly possess one or more matters, that is, computer hard drive(s) and computer media containing digital and computer images which contained visual depictions, that had been mailed, shipped and transported using any means or facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and which were produced using materials which have been mailed, shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, by any means including by computer, the production of which involved the

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1 use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code,
2 Section 2256(2), and which visual depictions were of such conduct; in violation of Title 18,
3 United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

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6 And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts
7 incorporated herein by reference.

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10 Christiana Bess Huntzinger, Special Agent
11 Naval Criminal Investigative Service
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13 Sworn to me and subscribed in my presence this 4th day of May, 2010.

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15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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STATEMENT OF FACTS

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2 1. I am a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), assigned to
3 the San Diego Field Office, and have been in this position for over six years. I am currently
4 assigned to the Special Operations Division of the NCIS San Diego Field Office and am a full
5 time member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force in San Diego, CA. I
6 have received extensive training in conducting Internet investigations regarding the sexual
7 exploitation of minors, child pornography, and the preservation and review of computer related
8 evidence. As part of my duties with the ICAC, I investigate criminal violations relating to the
9 child exploitation and child pornography including violations pertaining to the illegal production,
10 distribution, receipt, and possession of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251 and
11 2252(a). Additionally, I have had the opportunity to observe and review numerous examples of
12 child pornography (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256) in all forms of media including computer
13 media, and I have participated in the execution of numerous search warrants, probation searches,
14 and U.S. Navy Command Authorized searches, which involved child exploitation and/or child
15 pornography offenses.

16 2. In January 2007, an investigation was initiated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation
17 (FBI) Washington D.C. Field Office Joint Cyber Task Force regarding Timothy GAUT, residing
18 in Hubbard, Ohio. GAUT was arrested after engaging in a sexual act with a six year old female
19 via the Internet. Subsequent to his arrest, GAUT's computer was seized, a search warrant was
20 obtained, and forensic analysis of the computer revealed that GAUT possessed and traded child
21 pornography via America Online (AOL), Yahoo, and Google "Hello". GAUT's Google "Hello"
22 address book of contacts was recovered, and additional forensic evidence was discovered
23 confirming that GAUT traded child pornography with at least three of the Google "Hello"
24 contacts.

25 3. Administrative subpoenas were submitted to determine the identity of the contacts in
26 GAUT's "Hello" address book, one of whom was identified as Kenneth BAKER Jr., Lubbock,
27 Texas. In July 2007, FBI agents interviewed BAKER, who admitted to chatting in different AOL
28 chat rooms including the incest taboo chat room, and further admitted to trading and sharing
29 child pornographic images and videos with contacts he met via Peer to Peer file sharing
30 programs and via chat rooms on the Internet. A federal search warrant was obtained on August 6,
31 2007 to conduct a search and forensic analysis of computer media seized from BAKER. The

1 forensic analysis of BAKER's computer media revealed numerous images of child pornography
2 that he obtained from several Google "Hello" users including, "yotevoL23@aol.com". An
3 administrative subpoena to AOL subsequently revealed that this screen name/email address
4 corresponded to Steven BRIDGEMAN, 1065 East Lexington Avenue, Apartment #6, El Cajon,
5 CA, 92020. Records queries conducted by the FBI and NCIS revealed that the above address is a
6 former address of BRIDGEMAN, however, his current address is 1949 Hanford Drive, San
7 Diego, CA 92111. The subpoena results also indicated that BRIDGEMAN's America Online
8 email address was deactivated October 12, 2005. Records queries within the Department of
9 Defense identified BRIDGEMAN as an officer in the United States Navy.

10 4. In November 2008, NCIS San Diego, CA, received a separate report that BRIDGEMAN
11 was in possession of child pornography via the Internet. The report came from a former Internet
12 associate of BRIDGEMAN's, named Sigfry PERALTA, Sunrise, FL, who indicated that he
13 gained access to BRIDGEMAN's Yahoo email account (yotevoL23@yahoo.com) in November
14 2008 without BRIDGEMAN's consent, and located child pornography in BRIDGEMAN's
15 "Sent" items. PERALTA explained that he met BRIDGEMAN via an Internet video game called
16 Final Fantasy XI (FFXI) in May/June 2008. PERALTA stated that BRIDGEMAN created a
17 "linkshell", called "LavitzReborn" which is a group of players who join together to complete
18 quests or missions on FFXI. The linkshell included approximately 30 members, including
19 BRIDGEMAN, PERALTA, and PERALTA's then girlfriend, Anna KOSENKO. According to
20 PERALTA, BRIDGEMAN's user name in LavitzReborn was "yotevoL". PERALTA stated that
21 while chatting with "yotevoL", he learned that BRIDGEMAN was a Naval Officer. PERALTA
22 stated that registered users of FFXI are allowed to have access to the contact information of other
23 players in the same linkshell, and he saw that BRIDGEMAN's email address was
24 yotevoL23@yahoo.com. PERALTA stated that BRIDGEMAN explained his user name/email
25 address by stating that "yotevoL" spells "Lovetoy" backwards, and "23" was BRIDGEMAN's
26 age at the time he created his email account.

27 5. PERALTA stated that from June 2008 to August 2008, he dated KOSENKO, however,
28 when KOSENKO broke up with him in August 2008, she indicated that she had been "talking"
29 to BRIDGEMAN via Internet and telephone. PERALTA decided to break in to BRIDGEMAN's
30 Yahoo! email account in order to determine how long BRIDGEMAN and KOSENKO had been
31 "talking". PERALTA stated he used information he knew about BRIDGEMAN to guess
32 BRIDGEMAN's password and was able to access BRIDGEMAN's email on November 8, 2008.

1 6. PERALTA stated he saw child pornography in BRIDGEMAN's Sent Items, and
2 described one sent email called "vids", which contained a video of a young female,
3 approximately three to four years old, giving oral sex to an adult white male. PERALTA stated
4 that this email was sent to **jeanettebi85@yahoo.de** from BRIDGEMAN's email address.
5 PERALTA stated that he also saw another email entitled, "little girl pics", which contained three
6 images of girls giving oral sex on adult males.

7 7. In April 2009, an administrative subpoena was served at Yahoo! in order to obtain the
8 registrant information and Internet Protocol (IP) logs for BRIDGEMAN's email account,
9 **yotevoL23@yahoo.com**. Subscriber information pertaining to Yahoo ID: **yotevoL23**, listed the
10 subscriber as Steven BRIDGMEAN, "1949 Hnford Drive", with email address:
11 "**yotevol23@aol.com**". According to the IP logs from Yahoo, this email address was accessed
12 utilizing IP address 70.95.243.168 on April 14, 2009 at 12:39:11 (GMT). This IP address is
13 operated by Roadrunner/Time Warner Cable who identified the Roadrunner subscriber as Steven
14 BRIDGEMAN, residing at 1949 Hanford Drive, San Diego, CA.

15 8. Based on the above information, on May 28, 2009, your affiant secured a federal search
16 warrant for BRIDGEMAN's residence and a federal search warrant for BRIDGEMAN's yahoo
17 email account, "**yotevoL23@yahoo.com**". On June 5, 2009, the federal search warrant was
18 executed at BRIDGEMAN's residence in San Diego, CA. During the search, one (1) computer
19 tower and two (2) laptop computers were located within BRIDGEMAN's residence.
20 Additionally, a laptop computer was located in plain sight of BRIDGEMAN's vehicle, and an
21 additional federal warrant was secured in order to conduct a complete search of the vehicle. This
22 search resulted in locating an additional laptop computer in the trunk of the vehicle. In total, five
23 (5) computers and several items of digital media were seized from BRIDGEMAN on June 5,
24 2009.

25 9. While the search was being conducted, BRIDGEMAN was interviewed and admitted to
26 possessing and distributing child pornography in the past. BRIDGEMAN further stated he had
27 not looked at child pornography in several years, but admitted that several of his computers
28 could contain child pornography. Additionally, BRIDGEMAN admitted to being sexually
29 attracted to his younger sisters in the past.

30 10. A preview of the seized computers located the presence of child pornography, child
31 erotica, and/or incest related cartoons on four out of five computers. The four computers were
32 then submitted to the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory (RCFL) in San Diego, CA for
33 forensic data extraction. Your affiant reviewed the data extracted from BRIDGEMAN's

1 computers and located the presence of approximately 1686 images of child pornography, 32
2 videos of child pornography, and 1700 files of incest-related cartoon drawings. A description of
3 several of these items is below:

4 a. One video is 1:31 in length and depicts acts such as a adult female having sexual
5 intercourse with a male child approximately 5-7 years old and a nude male child orally
6 copulating the adult male with the assistance of an adult female.

7 b. Another video is 10:27 in length and begins by showing a still frame of an
8 approximately 6-9 year old female child who is sucking her thumb and lying on a bed clothed
9 with her legs open. The video then show the child orally copulating the adult male penis. Later in
10 the video, the child takes her own hands and opens her vaginal opening for the camera and then
11 begins masturbating herself using her hands.

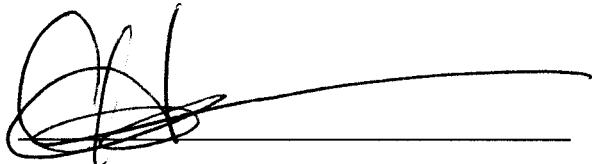
12 c. One image depicts an approximately 7-9 year old prepubescent female who is lying
13 nude on her back. A nude, adult male is straddling the child with an erect penis which has been
14 inserted the girl's mouth.

15 d. One image depicts the nude torso of an approximately 9-11 year old prepubescent
16 female. The female is suspended upside down in the air by a rope which is tied around her waist
17 and torso. An adult hand is between her legs and one finger has been inserted in her vagina.

18 11. Results from the federal search warrant served at Yahoo! confirmed the information
19 provided by PERALTA as described above showing an email to **jeanettebi85@yahoo.de**. The
20 video was sent on September 11, 2006, with a video attached entitled, "Donna.wmv" and
21 depicted a prepubescent female, approximately 9-12 years old, who is orally copulating an adult
22 male penis.

23 REQUEST FOR SEALING

24 It is further respectfully requested that this Court issue an Order sealing, until further
25 order of this Court, all papers submitted in support of this complaint, including the probable
26 cause statement and arrest warrant. Sealing is necessary because premature disclosure of the
27 contents of this probable cause statement and related documents may cause the defendant to flee
28 and may cause destruction of evidence and may have a negative impact on this continuing
29 investigation.

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